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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Loss of [REDACTED] Lens

1. For the past several weeks there have been repeated interrogations regarding the loss of a lens. There was a box containing two or three lens supposedly passed to me from [REDACTED] to be handed to [REDACTED] formerly of this organization.

2. I wish to clarify the situation to the best of my understanding.

3. I was in the presence of [REDACTED] only on two occasions.

a. The first was an introductory meeting. [REDACTED] introduced me to [REDACTED] as a prelude to a meeting with [REDACTED] personnel set for a few days later. [REDACTED] was to be out of town and he wished me to chair the meeting. He briefed me in the presence of [REDACTED] on a step-and-repeat printer proposal and on the aspects of [REDACTED] interest.

b. The second meeting occurred on 26 February 1963 in the NPIC downstairs lobby conference room. Those present were:

4. I understand that the transition of the box containing the lens was made at or after this meeting. It is obvious that the lens box could have been given directly to [REDACTED] if it were to have happened at the introductory meeting.

5. I have tried long and hard to recall the transaction but do not recollect the exchange of anything except conversation. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] do not remember a box being a part of the meeting. [REDACTED] had lunch with me after the meeting and definitely does not recall a box or object of any sort being exchanged prior to or in my possession during our lunching.

6. The five preceding paragraphs outline the facts to the best of my knowledge and with this memo I consider the incident closed, hopefully without further ado.



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